

WØMTL — **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News** — WØKEM

APRIL 2016



2016 HARC OFFICERS

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TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO
SECRETARY: DAVE MILAM, KBØRZN
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE

Wednesday – April 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM

H.A.R.C. NEW, PERMANENT MEETING LOCATION

MARION COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – 142 JAYCEE DRIVE, HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

Driving Directions (From the South): Route 61 into the city. Continue past the turn off for MODOT offices. The next Left is **Clinic Road (Poage Jeep/Chrysler)**. Turn Left onto Clinic Road and continue to the intersection of **Communication Drive**. Turn Left onto Communication Drive and continue to the end of Communication Drive. The Ambulance District building is the last building on the Right. Parking is just before you get to the building on the right.

(From the North/East/West): Route 61 south to **Clinic Road (Right turn just past Wendy's)**. Turn right onto Clinic Road and go to intersection of **Communication Drive**. Turn Right onto Communication Drive and continue to the end. Ambulance District building is the last one on the Right with parking just before the building, also on the right.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – MARCH 2016

04 WB2UFO LARRY
11 KDØHHN DON
18 KDØYTH STEVE
25 KB9VIS BRIAN

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2016**DATES FOR 2016: April 13, July 13, and October 12**

Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2016 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting.

WALK INS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!



HARC MINUTES FOR MARCH, 2016 MEETING



Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

March 9th, 2016

Don (KD0HN) opened the meeting at 7:00pm with 22 people present including 2 guests and inquired if there were any new proposals for membership. Hearing none, and since there was no February meeting, Don inquired if everyone read the minutes from the January 2016 meeting. Hearing no changes, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ed (K9WAY) made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Ann (KB9BAL). The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Larry (WB2UFO) read the Treasurer's report for January and February. January's Ending Balance was \$1,733.22, February's Ending Balance is \$1,568.96, and the CD Balance is \$1,321.98, making the Total Assets \$2,950.94. Discussion followed concerning our insurance coverage which is through ARRL, and underwritten by Hanover Insurance Company. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ed (K9WAY) and seconded by Luan (KA9WAY). The motion carried.

REPEATERS:

Don (KD0HHN) reported that no one had reported any problems with either machine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Don (KD0HHN) updated the club about "Bike Across Missouri" that will start in St. Joseph on Sunday, June 12th and will finish at the Mark Twain Cave in Hannibal on Friday June 17th. Don will coordinate between Region "H", and our region which is Region "B". Don attended a meeting in Shelbina today

and for Marion County, we are looking for 9 operators to cover the county; possibly in Emden, Philadelphia, Palmyra, and the rest in Hannibal. The event should be over by 7:00pm.

Don forwarded an email to all members about the Amateur Radio Parity Act. The State of Missouri is pushing it's own version, HB1951. The bill had received enough public input to the Technology Committee to move it forward and possibly come up for a vote in the near future. The Federal version seems to be stalled pending being moved from Committees to a full votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don (KD0HHN) announced the Adams County Emergency Management is holding their Severe Weather Conference again this year in Quincy. It will be held April 9th at the Kroc Center from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Pre-registration before April 1st will be \$40.00. After April 1st and at the door, the cost will be \$50.00. Lunch will be served. This year they will expand to include sessions on subjects such as ARES and RACES. Don has flyers if anyone is interested.

Luan (KA9WAY) inquired about the possibility of changing the date of the Club Dinner to the last Saturday in April instead of our usual February date. This should avoid conflicts with St. Patrick's Day, Graduation, Valentine's Day, Easter and problems with the weather. A concern was that the April Meeting is a testing date. Without a regular meeting at the facility, testing might be an issue. Don stated that he and Larry (WB2UFO) both had FOB cards to access the building, and testing could go on as usual. Luan also suggested that we could have a regular meeting at our usual date in April, hold the Club Dinner in late April, and not have the regular May meeting. Discussion followed about changing the location of the Dinner. Luan (KA9WAY) made a motion to have a regular April meeting, move the Dinner Meeting to the last Saturday in April, and not have a May meeting. We would also decide about the location at a later date. The motion was seconded by Ed (K9WAY). The motion carried.

Ed (K9WAY) asked about upcoming training classes and possibly having joint classes with the Quincy Club. Don (KD0HHN) said he would contact Shane and try to see about scheduling and contact Danny in Quincy.

Ed (N0WNV) asked about adding a second VEC liaison to make sure someone was available for testing and possibly affiliating with W4VEC rather than the ARRL. Several people expressed opinions about staying with the ARRL. Larry (WB2UFO) said he'd looked into it, and discovered that any 3 VEC's could contact the ARRL, and set up an ad-hoc test. Don talked about "Ham-Cram" in the Kansas City area where intense training is immediately followed by testing. Discussion followed about ARRL VEC liaisons, testing, and frequency of tests.

Chet (W0CCR) asked about the changes in the new question pool for the extra class. Apparently the new test will be out in July. Cliff (K0CA) looked on the ARRL website and determined that the changes are fairly significant, adding 143 new questions to the pool, increasing it to 713 questions.

Jack (W0EVC) asked if the DSTAR meeting was ever held concerning the DSTAR machine in Quincy. Apparently internet access is still an issue so it is not completely functional as a DSTAR repeater.

Ed (K9WAY) mentioned the possibility of having a joint Field Day operation with the Quincy Club. After discussion, Don said he would get with Danny from the Quincy Club.

50/50:

The 50/50 was won by Steve (KD0YTH) and it was donated back to the Club. Thanks Steve!

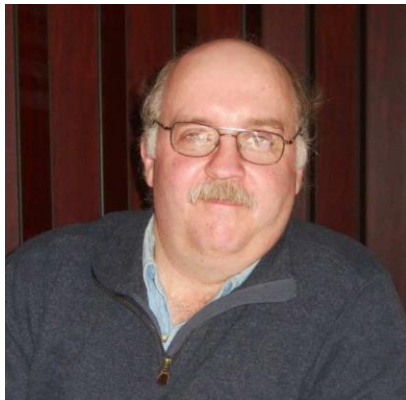
HANDBOOK DRAWING:

A Centennial Edition ARRL Handbook with CD was donated to the Club to be raffled. It was won by Chet (W0CCR). Congratulations Chet!

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed (K9WAY), and seconded by Chet (W0CCR). The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY DON VARY KDØHHN



Hello again everyone. Another month gone by, and heading into summer. I was looking at the current roster for the club and I see that we have lost some members. This may be for a variety of reasons, but it is still sad to see us loose members. I have asked Larry, WB2UFO to contact the people who dropped off the roster to see why. Was it something that we were doing, something we should have done or whatever the reason, we should be adding new members. This brings me to the main gist of this month's column. I would like each member of the club to try and bring a new

prospective member to each of the club meetings over the next few months. If you belong to QRZ.com, you can do a search of licensed operators for the area. In Marion County alone, there are over 100 licensed amateurs, so the people are out there and let's try to bring some of them to the meetings.

I'm planning on getting in touch with Lew Gordon for any help with trying to re-establish a club at Hannibal school. I know that there used to be one and maybe we can get one going again. Of course, this would be something that one person alone could not do, so again I am asking you, the members to help with this.

At the meeting last month, it was brought up about contacting Danny Pease with the Quincy club about doing another class, and the possibility of combining operations for Field Day, as we have done in the past. I contacted Danny and he was very enthusiastic about both items, so I will be talking with him more about this.

Just a reminder, that the Severe Weather Conference will be coming up in Quincy on the 9th of April. It looks like it will be another good one, with some good topics being covered. The cost is \$40.00 until April 1st, then it goes up to \$50.00. Information is on the brochure which I've enclosed for Bonnie to put in the newsletter. Also the Big BAM (Bike Across Missouri) is coming up in June. I need 9 people to cover the areas for Marion County. This will be on the 17th of June, starting at 7AM, but when the riders are past your point, you are free to go, so anyone who helps will not be tied up all day for the event. If you can help, let me know. Well that's all for this month, everyone stay safe, and I'll see you down the log.

73 Don

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**Adams County EMA
RAFFLE**

"Safe and Sound"
Pre-cast Concrete Storm Shelter
\$20.00 a ticket

Drawing will be held at the Tri-State Severe Weather and Preparedness Conference on April 9, 2016.

- Estimated value \$4000.00
- Capacity 12 people
- Storage space for water, food and First Aid supplies
- FEMA 320 Residential Shelter Door (These doors are designed to withstand winds and flying debris up to 250 mph)
- 24" wide concrete steps with resistant non-slip safety tape and stainless steel handrail
- 1/2" aluminum wind turbine dual bearing internally braced

Only 500 tickets will be sold!

Dimensions	Interior	Exterior
Length	132"	142"
Width	54"	64"
Height	78"	88"

Maximum burial depth of 4' at entrance.

Hannibal Concrete Products will deliver and install the shelter for free within a distance of 70 miles from Hannibal.

It is the winner's responsibility to dig the hole in the ground for the shelter.

If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, please contact Luan or Ed Way at 217-223-2978 (leave a message) or email: rulooneytoo@gmail.com.

Raffle proceeds will be used to purchase Storm Spotter Equipment for the Adams County EMA

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**DX FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK
BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO**



Larry Lauer, WB2UFO

Hello again DX'ers Here is our April report

It looks to be a very interesting month coming up. I will miss the first of it, for I am heading into the operating room for back surgery. I will have to move my most comfortable chair into my shack when I get home.

Larry, WB2UFO

4W, TIMOR LESTE.

It was announced this past week that operators Tack/JE1CKA, Hide/JI1AVY, Jim/7K4QOK, Yutaka/JQ2GYU and Miho/JJ2VLY will be active from Timor Leste between April 5-11th. Operators will sign 4W/homecall or use a special 4W callsign. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY..

8P, BARBADOS (Update)

Charles, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W (his new contest callsign) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.

8Q MALDIVES

Operators YL Helen/RC5A and Yuri/RM0F will be active as 8Q7CA and 8Q7FU, respectively, from **Maldiv Islands (AS-013)** between April 17-30th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or the OQRS on ClubLog.

9Y, TRINDADE AND TOBAGO

Bill, K2HVN, will be active as 9Y/K2HVN on the Island of Tobago between April 14-26th. Activity will be

vacation style operation on 40-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign. Cards are already printed. NO LoTW. See QRZ.com for info.

A2, BOTSWANA

Mark, G4RCD, is now active as A25MC from Gabarone until March 16th. He was active in this past weekend's RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU). Activity will be limited to his spare time on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

CARIBBEAN TOUR

Gerd, DL7VOG, will once again be active as FM/DL7VOG from **Martinique (NA-107)** between May 6th and June 6th. Gerd will also be active as J68GU from **St. Lucia (NA-108)**, May 12-22nd. He will also participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as FM/DL7VOG. QSL both callsigns via his home callsign, by the Bureau direct or the OQRS on ClubLog. For more details and possible dates, see:

http://www.dl7vog.de/html/next_plans.html

CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS (Reminder)

Operators Hardy/DL3KWF and YL Rosel/DL3KWR are now active again as CT9/DL3KWF and CT9/DL3KWR from **Madeira (AF-014)** until and April 7th. Preferred activity will be on 30/17/12 meters and CW. Equipment is an IC-7000 + AH-4 into a vertical 7m. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau (also via E-mail request), eQSL or LoTW. Visit their Madeira page at: <http://www.dl3kwf.com/CT39/CT39-Results-e.htm>

FS & PJ7, ST. MARTIN AND ST. MAARTEN

Mark, W5LAC, will be active from **Saint Martin (FS/W5LAC)** and **Sint Maarten PJ7/W5LAC** between June 11-25th. No specific dates were mentioned for each island. Both islands are IOTA **NA-105**. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-032. Didier, F4ELJ, will be active as F4ELJ/P from **Re Island** (WLOTA 1407, DIFM AT-02) between April 9-16th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

SA-024. Members of the Cabreúva DX Group will be active as ZV2CO from **Comprida Island** (ARLHS BRA-135, DIB SP-03, DFB SP-12) between April 15-17th. Operators mentioned are Murilo/PY2DS, William/PU2XIZ, João Carlos/PU2KKE, Fabiano/PU2LJH, Flavio/PU2KFL and Leandro/PU2LEW. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via PY2DS, direct or by the Bureau. See QRZ.com for more info.

KH1, BAKER AND HOWLAND ISLANDS

OPDX was informed that operators Hrane/YT1AD (Leader) and (Co-Leaders), Paul/N6PSE, Dave/K3LP and Aleksey/UA4HOX are planning a large expedition in the Pacific Ocean to **Baker Island (OC-089)**. The WAZ zone is 31. The expedition is planned for September/October 2017. Landing on the island requires a special permit USFW service. Permit is coming soon. The team will be composed of members from the WWDX, Interpid DXers and other interested amateurs. More information coming in May 2016.

LY24, LITHUANIA (New Prefix)

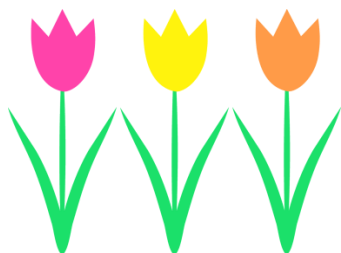
Jonas, LY5A, will again activate a new prefix (never used before), LY26A, between March 11th and April 11th.

Activity is to celebrate 26th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Restoration. QSL via LY5A. QSOs good for LY prefixes trophies.

YJ, VANUATU

Christian, HB9LCA, will be active as YJ0CS from Vanuatu between May 1-27th. He plans to operate from different locations/islands. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW (mostly), SSB and JT65. His radio is a FT-857 transceiver. Antennas will be a dipole, vertical and loop antenna. QSL via his home call sign.

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